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SUBJECT: LENINGRAD CITY ORGANIZATION OF CPSU HOLDS REPORT-
ELECTION CONFERENCE

1. LENINGRAD CITY PARTY ORGANIZATION HELD ITS REPORT-ELECTION CONFERENCE JANUARY 9-10 AND ELECTED LEADERSHIP SLATE FOR CPSU CITY COMMITTEE (GORKOM). ALL INCUMBENT GORKOM PARTY SECRETARIES WERE REELECTED. THEY ARE: FIRST SECRETARY BORIS IVANOVICH ARISTOV; SECOND SECRETARY BORIS PAVLOVICH USANOV; AND SECRETARIES TAT'YANA IVANOVNA ZHDANOVA, VALERIY IVANOVICH PIMENOV, AND BORIS PETROVICH TAUJIN. LENINGRAD TREND OF LEADERSHIP CONTINUITY IN PARTY ELECTIONS PRECEDING 25TH PARTY CONGRESS THUS CONTINUES.

2. OF ELEVEN FULL MEMBERS OF BUREAU OF GORKOM, EIGHT WERE REELECTED AND ONE OF THREE NEW FULL MEMBERS WAS FORMERLY CANDIDATE MEMBER OF BUREAU. OF THREE CANDIDATE MEMBERS OF BUREAU, ONE IS NEW. OF TEN GORKOM DEPARTMENT HEADS, ALL PREVIOUS INCUMBENTS EXCEPT ONE WERE REAPPOINTED. OF 97 FULL MEMBERS OF GORKOM 45 ARE NEW. OF 37 CANDIDATE MEMBERS OF GORKOM, 21 ARE NEW. COMPOSITION OF LENINGRAD CITY ORGANIZATION'S CONTROL COMMITTEE WAS INCREASED TO NINETEEN MEMBERS FROM PREVIOUS ELEVEN AND ALL BUT THREE MEMBERS ARE NEW FACES, INCLUDING NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN.

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3. COMMENT: TURNOVER IN COMPOSITION OF GORKOM FOLLOWS PATTERN

OF PREVIOUS REPORT-ELECTION SECRETARIES AND VIRTUAL REELECTION
OF ALL BUREAU MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS SHOW THAT POLITICAL
MACHINE OF OBLAST' PARTY FIRST SECRETARY GRIGORIY VASIL'YEVICH
ROMANOV IS INTACT AND STABLE. WE WOULD EXPECT SIMILAR
CONTINUITY WHEN OBLAST' PARTY ORGANIZATION HOLDS ITS REPORT-
ELECTION CONFERENCE AT END OF JANUARY. AIRGRAM FOLLOWS WITH
DETAILS OF ARISTOV'S REPORT SPEECH AT CONFERENCE AND NAMES
AND BACKGROUND OF THOSE REELECTED/ELECTED TO PRINCIPAL GORKOM
POSITIONS.
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